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FLUORESCENCE IMAGING

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Responsive to the office action of October 18, 2007, please amend the application as follows in view of the concurrently filed RCE.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.